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For: AN OPTIMIZED MULTIPLE CODING  
METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.